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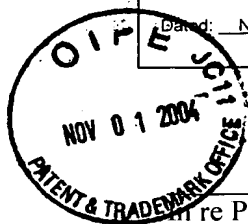
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Re Patent Application of:

Kuber T. Sampath

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For: METHODS FOR MAINTAINING OR  
RESTORING TISSUE-APPROPRIATE  
PHENOTYPE OF SOFT TISSUE CELLS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

An office action was mailed on June 1, 2004 in connection with the subject application. The office action provided a period of three months for filing a response. Applicant is concurrently petitioning for a two-month extension of time, extending the deadline for filing a response to November 1, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed within the extended period.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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